

negative electrode 27 of the electrochemical cell 22. IN the preferred embodiment, the output contact 20 is positive and is electrically connected to the positive terminal 15 of the battery. In the alternative embodiment of the instant invention, the output contact 20 is negative and is electrically connected to the negative terminal of the battery. The terms "electrically connected" and "electrical connection" and "electrically coupled" refer to connections or couplings that allow for continuous flow.

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A battery is disclosed that includes a container having a positive terminal and a negative terminal and an electrochemical cell disposed within said container, said cell having a positive electrode, a negative electrode, and a cell voltage measured across said positive and said negative electrodes of said cell. The battery further includes a housing containing electronic circuitry associated with said container, said electronic circuitry electrically connected between said electrodes of said cell and said terminals of said container to create an output voltage measured across said positive and said negative terminals of said container and wherein the container and housing substantially enclose the electrochemical cell.